

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Multifunction printers (20, 30) each holding a card reader (26, 36) and a printer (24, 34) in a common housing are connected to a host computer (10) via USB hubs (22, 32). Then, the host computer 10 can recognize the card readers (26, 36) and the printers (24, 34) as independent devices from one another. Therefore, the host computer (10) can utilize the card readers (26, 36) and the printers (24, 34) as independent devices, respectively.

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